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It took Aruba's Brandweer to put out the fire between newlyweds Cynthia and Matthew



Thousands of loving couples from all corners of the globe have traveled to Aruba to be joined in wedded bliss over the past two decades. As memo-

orable as all of these special events have been for the participants, Cynthia Dichirico and Matthew Kowalski of Beverly, Massachusetts, who were mar-

ried on April 29, definitely enjoyed a super surprise for their nuptials.

Cynthia and Matthew describe their Aruban wedding as "AMAZING! - We came to Aruba to get married because we wanted our friends and family to experience something they would never forget," they elaborate. "Our wedding exceeded any and all expectations we had."

The last is something of an understatement, as wedding photographer Diane Keijzer and arranger Lissy Lampe provided a special surprise, a brigade from Aruba's fire department, the Brandweer, along with truck to heat up (or cool down?) the beachside ceremony by the Amsterdam Manor and Aruba's signature fototi tree.

Matthew is a firefighter back home, and when local Aruban firemen were informed



the couple was to be married on Aruba, they were more than enthusiastic about providing an additional fillip for their "brother in arms" and his bride.

"We LOVE Aruba," declared the new Mr. and Mrs. Kowalski. "The people and places are an experience; something we and our friends and family will never forget. Fifty-

six people came with us to celebrate our wedding, and Lissy and Diane, along with Anne Maduro of the Amsterdam Manor are three people we will always remember, for giving us the wedding of a lifetime. They will forever hold a special place in our hearts, as will Aruba's firefighters, who made the day extra special!"

A Debt of Honor

by Roland W. Peterson

They used to say that, whenever the trade wind changed its direction in the early month of May, and blew from the South instead of the Northeast, you could hear the voices of the guardsmen who had served and died in World War II.

It was said that you could hear those voices with crystalline clarity in the first few years after the war at a certain point along the St. Nicolas Bay, but that after those initial years had passed the voices started to fade. Today, even if you stand in that very same spot, all you can hear are barely audible fragments, murmurs, and wisps of conversations. And you may be tempted to tell yourself that you're only imagining things.

During the Second World War, Aruban servicemen had sailed on oil tankers and warships and had stood guard along the island's southern shores. Day and night, they would peer into the dark-deep waters to try to discern the

presence of German submarine U-boats, which had swarmed into the Caribbean basin to cut off the Allied supply lines that ran all the way up to the European theater of war.

After the war, in Sunday morning parades, the surviving guardsmen would march with their heads held high, shouldering their rifles and carrying their flag with dignity and pride.

There used to be quite a few of them, but today most have passed on. Every year the group grows smaller and soon the day will come that none will be left alive. Many of us are too young to remember them. And even if we would hear their names, we wouldn't know who they were. And, yet, they had once taken up arms to defend their community and die for their country.

Today we lay wreaths to pay homage to their bravery, dedication, discipline, and willingness to defend our freedom and way of life. To com-

memorate not only the suffering and pain but also the glory. And, yet, we do not remember who they were. It is only in the pale moonlight, and then only if the early May winds blow from the South instead of the Northeast (which isn't very often), that we can still catch glimpses of their heroism and sacrifice. On those rare occasions, remnants of history drift toward us—of ships that were torpedoed, of a buddy who was captured and executed, of a guardsman whose silhouette was scorched into the walls of a concrete bunker by a final, deadly blast.

And so we may wonder, what happens to a man's soul when even the memory of his existence fades from the Book of Life?

Maybe, it is time for us to stand guard, to repay our debt of honor, to peer back into the dark-deep ocean of time ... and keep alive the memory of their souls.

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Times Square bomb suspect charged with terrorism

NEW YORK (AP) — A Pakistani-born U.S. citizen was charged yesterday with terrorism and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction in the botched Times Square bombing. The government said he confessed to receiving explosives training in Pakistan.

Faisal Shahzad was arrested Monday night, pulled off a plane that was about to fly to the Middle East.

According to the complaint, Shahzad confessed to buying an SUV, rigging it with a homemade bomb and driving it Saturday night into Times Square, where he tried to detonate it.

In Pakistan, intelligence officials said several people had been detained in connection with the Times Square case.

Shahzad admitted to receiving bomb-making training in Waziristan, the lawless tribal



Faisal Shahzad

region where the Pakistani Taliban operates with near impunity, but there is no mention of al-Qaida in the complaint filed in Manhattan federal court.

"Based on what we know so far, it is clear that this was a terrorist plot aimed at murdering Americans in one of the busiest places in our country," Attorney General Eric Holder said in Washington.

Shahzad was on board a Dubai-bound flight that was taxiing away from the gate at Kennedy Airport late Monday when the plane was turned around and federal authorities took him into custody, law enforcement officials said. Federal officials had placed him on a "no-fly" list hours before his arrest.

Holder said Shahzad was talking to investigators, providing them with valuable information.

The FBI read Shahzad his constitutional rights after he provided the information, and he continued to cooperate, FBI Deputy Director John Pistole said.

Official says unconfirmed report oil at La. island

MOBILE, Alabama (AP) — An executive with BP PLC is saying there has been an unconfirmed report of oil washing ashore on a small Louisiana island.

BP Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles said at a news conference yesterday that more than 20 boats have been dispatched to Chandeleur Island to look for the oil, but so far haven't been able to find it.

Reports came in on Thursday that the oil washed ashore at the mouth of the Mississippi River along the Louisiana coast.

Officials are saying the weather has improved significantly in the Gulf, allowing crews to lay more containment equipment as well as repair the booms that were damaged in rough weather.

Officials say they also hope to be able to again burn some of the oil offshore now that the winds have eased.

Rescuers pray for no more victims in Tenn. floods

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) — The dark waters of the Cumberland River slowly started to ebb Tuesday as residents who frantically fled the deadly flash floods returned home to find mud-caked floors and soggy furniture. Rescuers prayed they would not find more bodies as the floodwaters receded.

The river and its tributaries had flooded parts of middle Tennessee after a record-breaking weekend storm dumped more than a foot of rain in two days, rapidly spilling water into homes, roads and some of Music City's best-known attractions.

At least 29 people were killed in Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky by either floodwaters or tornadoes. Water submerged parts the Grand Ole Opry House, considered by many to be the heart of country music, and the nearby Opryland Hotel could be closed for up to six months.

The flash flooding caught many here by surprise, and efforts to warn residents to not

drive on flooded streets were hampered by power outages. As the water began to recede, bodies were recovered late Monday from homes, a yard and a wooded area outside a Nashville supermarket. By yesterday, the flash floods were blamed in the deaths of 18 people in Tennessee alone, including 10 in Nashville.

Hundreds of people had been rescued by boat and canoe from their flooded homes over the past few days. Those rescue operations were winding down in Nashville yesterday, though emergency management officials were checking a report of a house floating in a northern neighborhood, trying to determine if anyone was in it.

It remained unclear how many — if any — people were missing in Tennessee. Authorities in southcentral Kentucky searched Tuesday for a kayaker who was last seen Monday afternoon in the swollen Green River.



Eugenie Blanchard sits next to Nicole Brochier, who is in charge of the Hospital Bruyn, in Gustavia on the Caribbean Island of Saint-Barthelemy. Blanchard, a former nun, was born on February 16, 1896 and is 114 years old. She is now the oldest person in the world, according to French media, after Kama Chinen of Japan passed away on May 2, 2010.

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DIMAS deposit tariffs have changed!

ORANJESTAD – The Department of Integration, Management and Admission of Immigrants, DIMAS, informs all its clients that the new deposit tariffs that were introduced in October 2002 has been adjusted. After a thorough study of the current market the new tariffs were adjusted as per August 2009, but there still are clients who are not aware of this change.

Some of the tariffs were lowered and others were raised. Clients who will pay their first deposit after August 1, 2009, have to pay the new rate stipulated by the Tax Department.

Because of the adjustment of the rates, DIMAS will either pay the client back or ask for an additional payment.

Following are the new deposit tariffs for the following countries:

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The list with new deposit tariffs is accesible to all clients on DIMAS' website www.dimasaruba.com and also www.go-bierno.aw.

RBTT renews is contract with Extreme H Games for 2010



Recently, RBTT Bank Aruba N.V. and the foundation Comunidad cu Vitalidad renewed a contract for 2010 in which RBTT compromises itself to once more be the main sponsor for Extreme H Games.

The "Extreme H Games" was introduced in February 2007 by Dr. Visser and consists of a day of activities for the youth which is held once a month. On that day a large group of youngsters can assist

to different sessions with topics such as motivation, art and dance, health, nutrition and physical movement. The goal of Extreme H Games is to combat obesity and develop healthy youngsters.

The formation of youngsters is very important for RBTT Bank. Extreme H Games is an exemplary project in this area. The activities are held in a professional and responsible way, as obesity

among youngsters has become a big problem, not only on Aruba but worldwide.

Treasurer of foundation Comunidad cu Vitalidad, Mrs. Mirurgia Marchena, expressed to be "thankful for the support RBTT gave in these last years. This is a big projects that cannot exist without the support of our sponsors."

Photo shows Mrs. Mirurgia Marchena and Managing Director & Vice President Business Banking Mr. Pierre Rafini signing the contract. Also present were Extreme H Games coordinators Mr. Rene Wild, Mr. Marlon Matthew and Mr. Joost van de Kamp. The first activitiy of Extreme H Games for this year will take place very soon.

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One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and

loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and

their Arawak Steak.

Two local TV personalities were caught enjoying lunch at The Queen's. They declared, after several visits, they judged the food to be "excellent," and particularly recommended Grandma's secret recipe. We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the water at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa was in the mood to prepare. While testing out their offerings, we noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

Tech toys for the Modern Mom and more at Sam's by Manolo



Mother's Day is coming, and Sam's on the Havenstraat has several novel ideas for gift giving that modern day moms are sure appreciate. Not only do they offer a very appealing selection of hot pink lap top computer sleeves, protective cell phone covers and stylish ear buds and personal communication devices with a feminine touch, but they are exclusive distributors of unique SilverRado charms.

Personalized charm bracelets and necklaces are all the rage these days, from detailed, dangling sculptures to beautifully crafted beads of silver and Murano glass. Sam's, located adjacent to Oranjestad's main square, has one of the largest collections on the island. They inform us that SilverRado beads run about 30% less than competitive brands.

An important extra; SilverRado is the only company to produce the "I love Aruba" bead, for a beautiful way to express your dedication to the island. Jewelry can be personalized from the large selection in the hues of Aruba's

sea, sky and tropical greenery to produce a singular bracelet or necklace that is a perfect souvenir of Aruba, or just a wonderful conversation piece that will look lovely on Mom's wrist or around her neck. A gift certificate will allow her to personally choose exactly what she wants.

A close examination of the SilverRado system revealed extremely sturdy construction, particularly in the fasteners, which, though robust, are very stylish and attractive. Since each piece is fashioned to order, this also makes them perfect as ankle bracelets that are sure not to be lost; a perfect accessory that epitomizes "Island Chic."

SilverRado charms and beads are also available at the Gold Town shop in the Royal Plaza Mall. What better way to please someone you love other than allowing them to express their love for Aruba, their children or whatever else they particularly fancy? Sam's has a very nice and diverse selection of gift giving and time saving ideas for everyone's mom, from traditional to unique.

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Astrid Bernal, office manager for 13 years, (at left) and Jerisa Maduro

On May 5, 2010, ASBA will celebrate its 15 year anniversary. That's a decade and a half of loyal, honest and trustworthy service and are therefore recognized by our clients and the community. ASBA was established as an enterprise within the Aruban business

community which happened after a feasibility study was done, making it clear that there was a need for a dedicated, integral and professional enterprise to handle the whole administrative procedure related to residence permits and other relevant issues.

ASBA will continue to provide that same great service.

Under the guidance of its founder, Cortessa Kross and her professional team, ASBA has been Aruba's leading Immigration Service Bureau and assisted thousands of clients in obtaining their legal and appropriate permits for Aruba.

As ASBA continues to fill the gap between information visitors need and their tropical dream, the constant need to be kept aware of changing guideline for successfully entering Aruba can be complicated and time consuming.

Although it does not always go well with the speed with which things are finalized, ASBA has a good relationship with the government departments, such as DIMAS (Department of Integration, Management and Admission of Immigrants) and has been highly successful in making the permit process understandable and bearable for many clients.

At ASBA "we tell you how it is and not what you want to hear" so please make sure you have a work or residence permit prior to moving to Aruba. This is highly recommended to those who want to leave everything behind (home, jobs, family and friends) in the effort to relocate in Aruba. Dealing with this type of disappointment is very difficult.

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Tennessee floodwaters receding



Photo shows the General Jackson Showboat floating in the Cumberland River as the Opry Mills shopping complex stands in floodwaters from the Cumberland in Nashville, Tennessee. The 300-foot paddlewheel riverboat is one of the largest showboats in the country.

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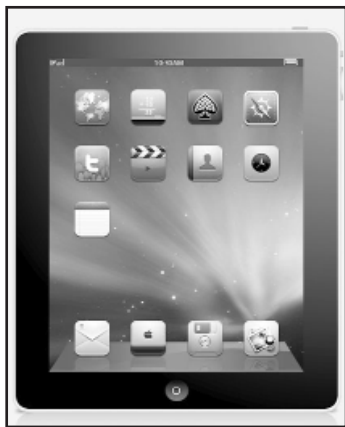
Apple Obsession: The Science of iPad Fanaticism

When Apple released its iPad, people lined up for hours to get their hands on the latest shiny techno-gadget stamped with the Apple logo.

While there likely wasn't reason to worry iPads would go out of style, or worse, become unavailable, and those die-hard consumers didn't urgently need the tablet for an essential task that same day, still the lines persisted - as they often do when Apple comes out with something new.

The seemingly odd behavior makes sense to market researchers and psychologists who weigh in on the reasons for Apple's cult-like following, and why members feel such affection for these products.

The unadulterated loyalty often involves brand-centric fan groups, which scientists refer to as brand communities. These groups, which have formed around Apple, Harley-Davidson and even Hello Kitty, seem to rise up largely without the aid of sly marketing campaigns and in-



stead by grassroots movements with their own rituals and traditions. Some even say the Apple community has the makings of a cult, with fanaticism that comes close to religious furor.

These groups can form out of necessity, the desire to be part of a community, and a shared sense that members understand something that, well, not everybody else gets.

In addition, Apple fans always have something new to keep their interest, an important component in fueling any fanaticism, researchers say. And, as is the case with

fans of any brand, objects can become more than the sum of their parts - they can represent a lifestyle and more.

"I think people have values that they're pursuing, they have core goals in their life, and it's different for different people, but Apple has done a good job of becoming symbolically part of one type of lifestyle, or one type of concept," said Lynn Kahle, a professor of marketing at the University of Oregon who studies consumer psychology. "The brand becomes more than just a set of attributes to get you somewhere, it's a core part of who you are."

Brand communities also involve rituals and traditions, or some type of shared culture. Harley riders have their group rides; Apple users have store openings or a new product release. As was evident with the iPad, loyalists chose to camp out despite the fact that, if they simply wanted the product, they could have ordered it online.

Roger Ebert, among Webby Award winners



NEW YORK - Though Roger Ebert lost his ability to speak after surgery for cancer, he has found a new and powerful voice online. The film critic was chosen as person of the year by the Webby Awards.

The 14th annual Webbys, which celebrate Internet achievement, were announced Tuesday by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences, a 550-member group of Web experts.

Ebert was singled out for "raising the bar for online journalism" with his blog on the Chicago Sun-Times' website. He is also an avid Twitterer and is planning a new movie-review TV program that he says will have a strong presence online.

Black Eyed Peas break digital sales record



LOS ANGELES (Billboard) - The Black Eyed Peas continue to steamroll their way into the record books. This week the group's "I Gotta Feeling" surpassed Flo Rida's "Low" as the best-selling digital song of all time, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

"Feeling," which spent 14 weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart last year, has now sold 5.56 million digital downloads, ahead of "Low's" 5.54 million. The latter had been the biggest-selling song since March 2008, when it trumped Soulja Boy Tell'em's 2007 hit

"Crank That."

The Peas own two out of the top five best-selling digital songs in history. The group's other ubiquitous 2009 hit, "Boom Boom Pow," is in fourth place with 5.3 million. Behind Flo Rida is Lady Gaga's "Just Dance" (No. 3 with 5.36 million) and rounding out the top five is Gaga again with "Poker Face" (5.13 million).

SoundScan began tracking digital song sales in July of 2003, a little more than two months after Apple launched its popular iTunes Store.

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Light bulbs actually spur bright ideas, study reveals

Seeing light bulbs might foster bright ideas, scientists now find.

The concept that reaching an insight is much like shining a light into a dark place goes back to at least Plato. It was this philosophical analogy that actually led social psychologist Michael Slepian at Tufts University to wonder if light bulbs might actually spur insights.

"Insight has been studied for decades; it is still a very mysterious phenomenon," Slepian said.

The researchers first wanted to see if light bulbs actually were unconsciously linked to enlightenment in people's minds. In a preliminary experiment, 73 college students watched as words were flashed across a computer screen. They viewed 10 words associated with insight - such as create, conceive, and envision - 10 other words and 20 non-words. They were then asked to respond as quickly and as accurately as possible if what they were shown was a word or non-word.

Comparing bulbs

The students had either a bare, unshaded incandescent 25-Watt light bulb or an overhead fluorescent light turned on in the room. Volunteers exposed to the light bulb responded quicker to words linked to insight than other words, supporting the notion that light bulbs were indeed connected to insight in their minds.

To see if light bulbs could actually promote insights,

Slepian and his colleagues next gave college students spatial, math and verbal problems to solve and had either a bare light bulb or an overhead fluorescent light turned on in the room partway into the problem. The volunteers either solved the problems faster or more often with the light bulb than with the fluorescent light.

"What I find most surprising about these results is that something as elusive as the process of insight can be influenced by a subtle feature of our environment," Slepian said. "Much research has discussed insight as if it's something entirely internal to the person, that it's something that happens within you, and what we found in several studies is that something external to you can influence insight."

These findings suggest that it takes more than light to promote enlightenment. Instead, the researchers suggest our brains respond favorably to bare lightbulbs because they are familiar symbols of insight. This kind of so-called "priming effect" has been seen before in psychology - for instance, when shown artifacts from the business world, such as briefcases, people play economic games more competitively, and exposure to the American flag triggers aggressive behavioral tendencies among regular news watchers, due perhaps to how the United States is often linked in the news to attacks both against and from other parties.

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Age and Health Are 2 Key Factors in Quality of Sleep

A study of nearly 16,000 Chinese adults ages 65 and older has found that those who regularly enjoyed a good night's sleep were also those who enjoyed overall better health and longevity.

Reporting in the May issue of *Sleep*, researchers from Portland State University in Oregon analyzed 2005 data from the Chinese Longitudinal Healthy Longevity Survey to look at which factors were associated with sleep among elder adults. They found that those ages 80 and older were more likely to report higher sleep quality compared with adults ages 65 to 79. Being male, living in a rural area, higher socioeconomic status, and good health conditions were all associated with higher quality of sleep.

About two-thirds of the study group rated their sleep quality good or very good. Participants slept an average of 7.5 hours per day, including naps. The findings suggest that the quality of sleep could have implications in living a longer, healthier life.

The Very Old Have Better Sleep

Surprisingly, younger individuals didn't sleep as well as their elder counterparts. The study showed that adults age 100 and older were 70% more likely to report better sleep quality than those ages 65 to 79, even after controlling for factors such as demographics, socioeconomics, and health. Access to health care services and economic status were strongly associated with higher-quality sleep; participants were 84% more likely to report higher sleep quality if they had sufficient health care access and

they were 56% more likely to report good sleep quality if their families were doing well economically. Men were 23% more likely than women to say they slept well.

Not surprisingly, people with health problems were 46% less likely to report sleeping well. Individuals who were anxious, had at least one chronic health condition, or struggled with everyday tasks were less likely to report higher sleep quality.

The study results are based on a population sample of 15,638 adults living throughout China, including 3,927 who were between 90 and 99 years of age and 2,794 who were 100 years of age and older who were interviewed about their sleep habits.

China is an ideal setting to study longevity because its population of 1.3 billion has one of the largest elderly populations in the world. It is estimated that China has nearly 40.5 million people who are age 75 and older.

Good Sleep Promotes Health

While the researchers are not suggesting a cause-and-effect relationship between sleep and healthy aging, the findings do suggest that getting a good night's sleep may benefit individuals as they age.

"Age and health conditions are the two most important factors associated with self-reported sleep quality and duration," says Danan Gu, PhD. "The majority of healthy elders could experience satisfactory sleep quality. Sleep problems at oldest-old ages likely arise from a variety of physiological and psychosocial factors rather than aging per se."

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Water beats energy drinks

Energy drinks, advertised as boosting athletic performance, are truly effective in a few endurance sports only, according to Ingo Froboese, a professor at the Health Centre of the German Sport University in Cologne.

He said that the energy kick they provided was helpful in the final 30 minutes of marathons and in bicycle

races, for example.

"Otherwise don't bother with them," Froboese advised.

High in calories
Energy drinks typically contain sugar, the primary energy source; caffeine, which is a stimulant; and taurine, an amino acid that helps regulate the level of water and mineral salts in the blood. As thirst quenchers the drinks are extremely high in calories, with about 125 and more per serving.

"To bolster physical performance during training or athletic competition, the best choice is water without carbonation or in combination with high-quality fruit juices," Froboese said.

People with high blood pressure or cardiovascular conditions should consume energy drinks only occasionally. For children, pregnant or nursing women and people sensitive to caffeine, the drinks are inadvisable.

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Reporters Without Borders names press 'predators'

PARIS, France (AP) — Media advocacy group Reporters Without Borders on Monday put Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Hu Jintao on its annual list of press freedom "predators."

The Paris-based group says its list is made up of "40 politicians, government officials, religious leaders, militias and criminal organizations that cannot stand the press, treat it as an enemy and directly attack journalists."

Newcomers to the annual list, released on World Press Freedom Day, include Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, Taliban overlord Mullah Omar and Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov.

Targeting China's Hu, the group said he has enlisted China's police and propaganda departments "to prevent any

free press emerging." It also says he refuses to release activists, bloggers and journalists detained during the 2008 Beijing Games.

Of Putin, Reporters Without Borders says: "Control is the key word for this former KGB officer: control of the state, control of the economic and political forces, control of geopolitical strategic interests and control of the media."

Rwandan President Paul Kagame also appears: Reporters Without Borders says he "denigrates journalists" and that authorities "constantly harass" two Rwandan newspapers and prosecute their editors.

Others on the list include Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe.

May Day in Aruba means family fun and thrills at the camp of the Royal Dutch Marines



Nearly 10 years ago, in a gesture of unity with the Aruban people, the Royal Dutch Marines stationed here began the practice of opening the gates of their base in Savaneta to islanders for international Labor Day, May 1. This not only allows Arubans to understand how the marines serve their community, but provides thrills and fun for all ages. An additional benefit is to local foundations, as the proceeds from the space rental of booths for the flea market and food and refreshments vendors are all donated to charity.

Last year, the marine commandant reported a record 19,000 islanders attended the open house; it is highly likely they may have surpassed that number this past Saturday. This year, the proceeds will be donated to Fundacion Pa Nos Comunidad, FPNC, a relatively new charity which provides cloths, food, furniture and household goods to the less fortunate. FPNC volunteers were a strong presence at the May Day event his year, selling raffle tickets to win round trip airfare for two to Miami via Suriname Airways, and masseuse Miranda Wever offering massages at one Aruban florin per minute; all proceeds for FPNC.

Marine pilots demonstrated their prowess at the joystick of a helicopter; islanders enjoyed boat rides and various simulated aspects of military duties, including a simulated terrorist intervention on land and sea. A diversity of activities appealing to both adults and children, along with raffle prizes awarded throughout the day and the largest flea market to be found on Aruba, again brought thousands to the camp, all for a good cause.



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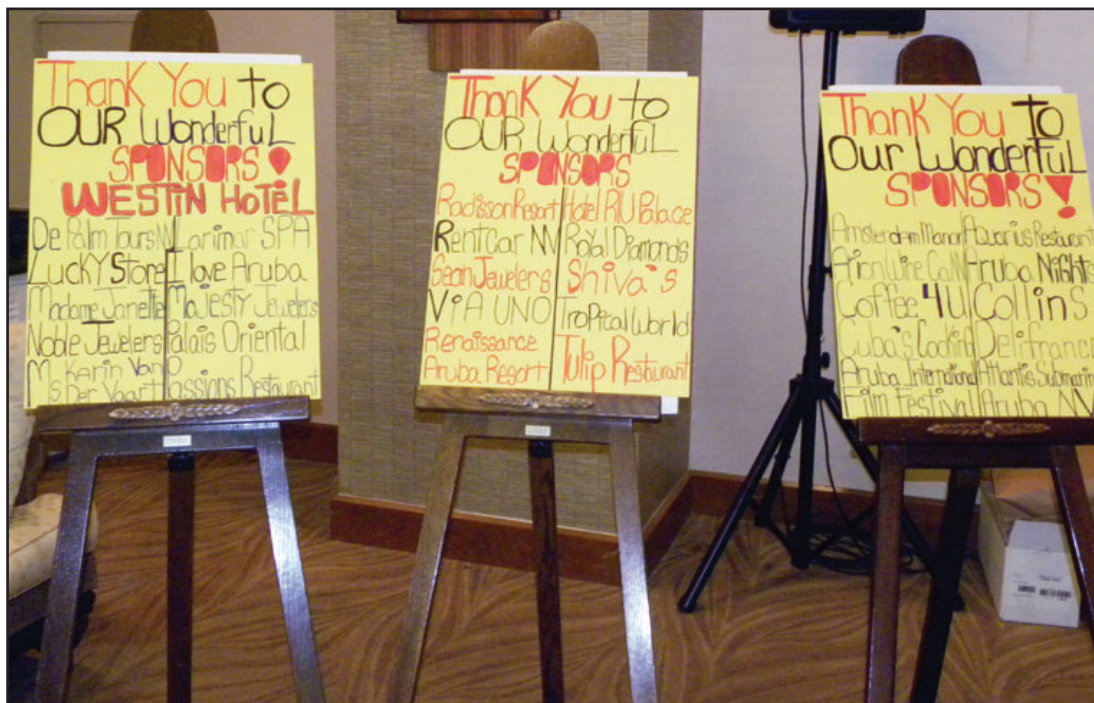


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International School of Aruba – PTO organize a pleasant bingo afternoon for the School community and its supporters



Recently, PTO of International School of Aruba organized a fundraising bingo afternoon at the ballroom of Westin. The Bingo was

arranged with the support of School community and many of its well-wishers and supporters.

ISA students supported by

their parents and teachers and a number of prominent local business persons showed up for this Bingo, proceeds of which have been earmarked



for Technological support to the Elementary section of the School. Everyone present had a good time during this afternoon.

ISA- PTO would like to thank the following companies for their support to this Bingo activity: American Home Assurance, Amster-

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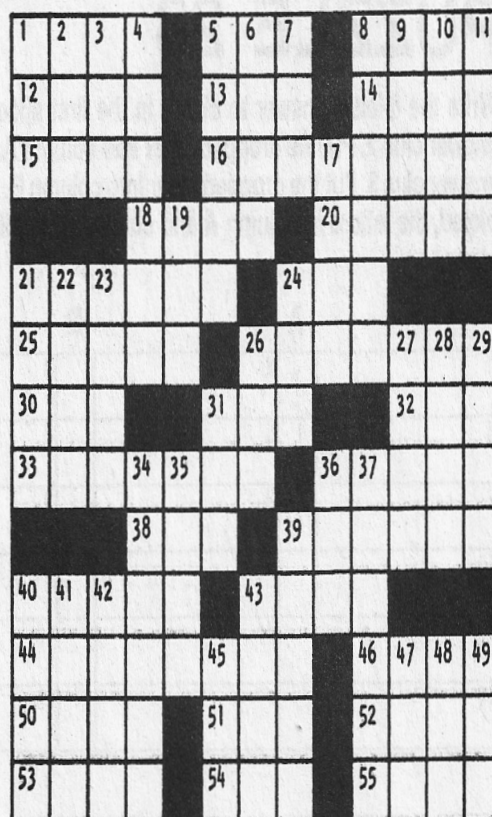
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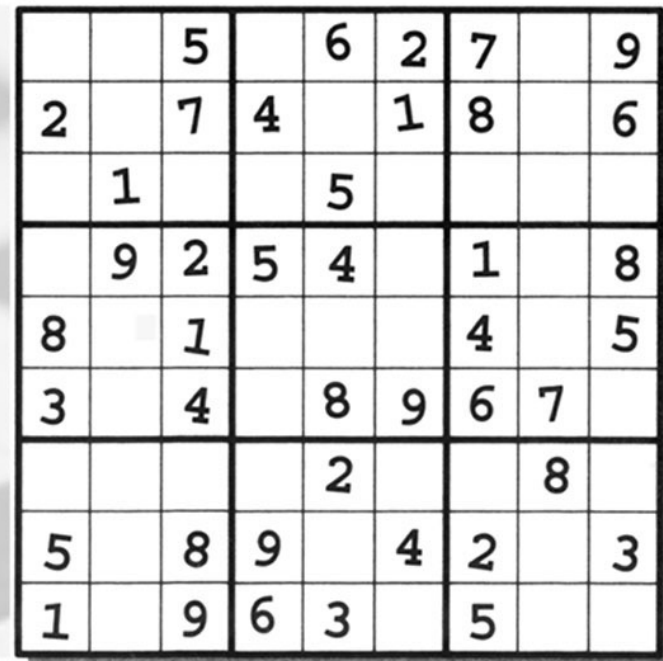
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IMF to meet Sunday to approve \$40B Greek loan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The International Monetary Fund plans to meet Sunday to approve a \$40 billion loan to Greece as part of a rescue package to save the country from looming bankruptcy.

The bailout includes a \$105 billion loan from the 15 other European Union members who use the euro as their currency.

An IMF spokesman said yesterday its decision-making

board would convene on Sunday to act on Greece's request for a loan.

Greece has debts of \$380 billion and a budget deficit of 13.6 percent of gross domestic product. It has been struggling to pull its finances in order and was less than three weeks away from default when the eurozone finance ministers agreed last Sunday to activate the three-year \$145 billion eurozone and IMF rescue.

Nissan to recall Infiniti G35 over air bag issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nissan Motor Co. said yesterday it will recall nearly 135,000 Infiniti G35 sedans and coupes to address a problem that could lead to the air bag not deploying in a crash.

Nissan said the recall involves G35 Coupes from the 2005 to 2007 model years and G35 Sedans from the 2005 to

2006 model year.

The automaker says the air bag unit's wire harness under the front passenger seat could wear down and interrupt the air bag's signal. In a crash, the air bag may not deploy and could increase the risk of an injury.

Nissan spokesman Colin Price said there have been no injuries reported.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Nissan had not yet provided the agency with a plan to fix the vehicles. Price said Nissan would provide NHTSA with information on the repair in May and begin notifying owners of the recall in June.

Price said if a vehicle's red air bag warning light had turned on, the owner can bring their car into their dealer for repair. For more information, owners can call Infiniti at (800) 662-6200.

Monetary policy of the Central Bank of Aruba

ORANJESTAD -- The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) has decided to maintain its current monetary policy unchanged, which means that the reserve requirement rate remains at 11 percent.

This unaltered monetary policy reflects the current sluggish economic and financial conditions in the domestic economy, while short-term outlook is significantly influenced by uncertainty about the future of the refinery. In this regard, the CBA is monitoring two possible scenarios: one is that the Valero refinery resumes its operations in the

second half of 2010, and the second scenario is based upon a permanent shutdown of the refinery. With these two scenarios in the background, inflation (12-month average trend) continues to be subdued at -0.1 percent, and the risks for a significant increase in prices in the short-term future are currently deemed low, although oil prices are on the upside.

The level of the net foreign assets is currently stable at Afl. 1,514.7 million, which is equivalent to about 6 months of coverage of current account payments, while growth in

banking sector credit remains weak due to a slump in credit demand. Current projections of the latter indicate that credit activity will stay below the CBA's current target. Consequently, an ample bank liquidity will persist.

The expected real GDP can result in either a positive or a negative outcome, depending on which scenario comes out in the end: in the case the refinery becomes operational, GDP is projected to rise by 2.1 percent, while if it closes permanently, real GDP is projected to fall by 2.5 percent.

Geithner open to adding bank tax to financial bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner says he is open to including a new tax on large banks as part of a bill that would overhaul the nation's financial regulations, but he will defer to congressional leaders.

Sen. Chuck Schumer of

New York wants to include the tax in the financial regulations bill. But the New York Democrat acknowledged yesterday that most other senators oppose the approach, which could make the financial regulations bill harder to pass.

The bank tax, which Presi-

dent Barack Obama first proposed in January, would raise an estimated \$90 billion over the next decade. Geithner said the tax is justified to recoup billions spent bailing out Wall Street. If the tax is not included in the financial bill, it could be passed separately.

Stocks slide as new doubts about Greek aid emerge

NEW YORK CITY (AP) — Stocks plunged around the world yesterday as fears spread that Europe's attempt to contain Greece's debt crisis would fail. The euro fell to its lowest point against the dollar in a year.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell about 245 points, erasing its 143-point gain from Monday. The Dow and broader indexes each fell more than 2 percent. Treasury prices rose on increased demand for safety investments.

Stocks have seesawed in the past week as Europe's efforts to agree on a bailout package for Greece proceeded in fits and starts. An agreement finally came together over the weekend, but its ballooning size of \$144 billion has investors worried that Europe would have an even tougher time assembling an aid package if a larger country such as Spain or Portugal were to get in trouble.

The market's plunge wasn't a surprise to some analysts who have warned for weeks that stocks were due for a big pullback. After Monday's rally, the Standard & Poor's 500 index was up almost 14 percent from its 2010 low of 1,056.74, reached Feb. 8. Investors have spent the past

three months largely shrugging off the problems in Europe and focusing instead on the continuing signs of improvement in the U.S. economy.

One of the market's concerns now is that weakening economies in Europe could jeopardize the recovery in this country.

While Greece's economy is small, investors worry that other cash-strapped European governments could follow Greece into asking for emergency loans. Markets have been increasingly skeptical that Europe can act on its own to restore the credibility of its shared currency, the euro.

"Everybody is worried about who is going to be next," said Scott Fullman, director of derivatives investment strategy

for WJB Capital Group in New York.

The euro again fell against the dollar as traders turned away from the currency, which is used by 16 European Union countries including Greece. Investors have punished the euro over the past few months over doubts that Europe would be able to enforce fiscal discipline in Greece and other weak countries in the region in order to protect the euro.

Meanwhile, protests erupted throughout Greece against the spending cuts the country has promised to make to receive the bailout loans. A general strike has been called for today. Greece agreed on Sunday to slash public spending by \$40 billion to secure the loans.

Chrysler offers zero-percent deals through June 1

DETROIT, Michigan (AP) — Chrysler Group LLC says it will offer zero-percent financing on most 2010 model year vehicles through June 1.

The automaker announced the deals yesterday. They're similar to offers Chrysler had in April.

The deals will help Chrysler compete with Toyota

Motor Corp., which has extended its own zero-percent financing deals through June 1.

Toyota raised its incentives in March to lure back customers after recalling millions of vehicles for safety problems.

Chrysler's sales were up 25 percent in April thanks in part to a promotion on its minivans.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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lar sunsets, nice weather and friendly people.

During a small ceremony in their honor, Aruba Tourism Authority liaison Ricardo Croes presented them with their Distinguished Visitor certificate as a thank you gesture for their love for aruba.

Also present at the occasion were three Marriott Ocean Club associates.

World's oldest person, 114, dies in Japan

TOKYO, Japan (AP) – The world's oldest person, a Japanese woman on the southern island of Okinawa, has died a week before her 115th birthday, a spokeswoman said yesterday.

Kama Chinen, who witnessed three centuries, died Sunday, according to Kaoru Shijima, a spokeswoman at her care facility.

Petite and gray-haired, Chinen spent her final years at a care center in Nanjo on south-

eastern Okinawa. She was born on May 10, 1895, according to the Gerontology Research Group, which tracks individuals of extremely old age.

Her family guarded her privacy closely, and details regarding her death were not released to the press — many Japanese newspapers didn't even give her name.

Chinen became the world's oldest known person when Gertrude Baines died in a Los

Nice coverage of Aruba in Manchester Evening New

More than 1.5 million people read the article

Recently, Aruba Tourism Authority, ATA, hosted three journalists of England. They were given a tour by ATA associate Mandy Lopez. The journalists work for the Manchester Evening News, one of the biggest newspapers in England. While here they wrote an interesting piece on Aruba.

One of the journalists, Graig Woodhouse, wrote 'The weather in Aruba is as predictable as the waves that gently lap up on its pristine white beaches. The temperature barely seems to move from a blistering 32C with wall-to-wall sunshine, apart from the infrequent clouds which scurry across the sky. They are blown across by the cooling trade winds which keep the palm trees swaying and prevent the skin from sweating too much, acting like a form of outdoor air conditioning.'

'Aruba has a charisma that appeals to all tastes and age groups. It is the ideal place for tourists who want to enjoy the sun and pristine white beaches.'

During his stay, Graig visited different touristic places and dined at different restaurants, which he mentioned in his article. All in all it turned out to be a very interesting story, giving exposure of all Aruba has to offer.

ATA would like to thank all those who contributed in making this press trip a success.

Photos give a view of the article in the Manchester Evening News. People interested to read more can log on http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/lifestyle/holidays/holiday_review/s/1234408_aruba_caribbean

Travel

Enjoying a life on the open road in California



Why Aruba is 'one happy island'

Andy Buckley finds the ideal place to chill out in the sun

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FACTFILE

Aruba is a small island in the Caribbean Sea, just north of Venezuela. It is a popular tourist destination for its beautiful beaches, clear water, and vibrant culture. The island is known for its diverse wildlife, including the Aruba Curlew, a rare bird species found only on the island.

Aruba is a member of the Organization of American States and the Caribbean Community. It is also a member of the Schengen Area, which allows for easy travel between Aruba and other European countries.

Aruba is a safe and secure destination for tourists. The island has a low crime rate and a friendly population. Visitors can enjoy the island's many attractions, including its beaches, parks, and cultural sites.

Aruba is a great place to visit for anyone looking for a relaxing vacation. The island's beautiful beaches, clear water, and vibrant culture make it a truly unique destination.

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There were more than 40,000 Japanese over 100 years old when the government released its annual report in September. Over 86 percent of them were women.

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Spanish face transplant patient goes public



Rafael embraces a nurse, left, as he appears in public for the first time in a news conference at the Virgen del Rocío University Hospital in Seville, Spain.

MADRID, Spain (AP) — A Spanish man who underwent a partial face transplant in January has appeared in public for the first time, hugging his surgeon and thanking the donor's family.

The patient, identified only as Rafael, spoke in a labored voice yesterday at a news conference at the Seville hospital where he underwent surgery.

The patient's age was not given. Doctors replaced the

bottom two-thirds of his face because of a congenital disease that left it deformed with benign tumors.

Rafael checked out of hospital yesterday, thanking doctors and the donor's family for making the groundbreaking surgery possible.

He will only fully recover the ability to move his tongue three months from now, and still had difficulty talking at the press conference.

'Summer of uncertainty' looms for Europe aviation

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Iceland's volcanic ash threatened European air space once again yesterday, forcing Ireland and some North Atlantic islands to temporarily shut down airports for the first time in 12 days.

Eamonn Brennan, chief of the Irish Aviation Authority, warned of "a summer of uncertainty" in the air due to the continuing eruption of Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano.

In Brussels, European Union transport ministers held another emergency aviation meeting and emerged vowing that reforming the continent's patchwork air traffic control system into a one seamless air-space was a "top priority." Germany and France also demanded binding rules to determine when airspaces should be closed and planes grounded because of volcanic ash.

Airlines and airports complained bitterly that EU uncertainty during last month's volcanic crisis grounded too many flights for too long last month. In all, more than 100,000 flights were canceled, inconveniencing 10 million travelers.

Aviation authorities shut down airports throughout Ireland, Scotland's Outer Hebrides islands and the Faeroe Islands for several hours yesterday after unexpectedly strong and unseasonal winds drove a thick cloud of ash southward from Iceland.

Irish air space reopened at 1 p.m. and services returned to normal as the ash drifted south into the open Atlantic at too low an altitude to pose a risk to aircraft.

Germany's Holocaust memorial marks 5th anniversary

BERLIN, Germany (AP) — Germany's Holocaust memorial has attracted millions of visitors since opening five years ago and is now one of the capital's top 10 tourist attractions, an official said yesterday.

Some 2.3 million people, equally split between Germans and foreign tourists, have visited the documentation center under the somber field of 2,700 gray slabs in the heart of Berlin since it opened in May 2005, said Uwe Neumaerker, the director of the foundation running the memorial.

The memorial to the Holocaust's 6 million Jewish victims is located near Berlin's Brandenburg Gate and is accessible around the clock. Only visitors to the museum



Smoke and ash billowing from Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano

Britain's National Air Traffic Service said there was no immediate threat of disruption to British airports but said the situation remained "dynamic." Ireland said there might be new shutdowns today.

Hanging over all official statements were fears that the volcano in southeast Iceland could keep scattering ash — and travel chaos — across Europe all summer.

"We remain at risk of further shutdowns, particularly today," Brennan said in a telephone interview. "We're probably facing a summer of uncertainty because of this ash cloud."

Brennan said Ireland had no choice but to shut its air space at 7 a.m. yesterday because a thick cloud of ash was reaching the island. The ash generally poses a risk only to aircraft at lower altitudes, when they are ascending to cruising altitude or coming in to land.

Brennan said prevailing winds normally would push the

ash northward to the Arctic, but turned southward this week, sending ash straight over the Faeroes, down past the Hebrides on Scotland's northwest coast and over Ireland, which lies 900 miles (1,500 kilometers) southeast of Iceland.

Ireland's temporary shutdown grounded more than 200 flights, most of them operated by airlines Ryanair and Aer Lingus. Both airlines scheduled extra flights yesterday afternoon and evening to clear the backlog of stranded customers.

Iceland's Institute of Earth Sciences said the volcano's plume has risen this week to nearly 5.5 kilometers (18,000 feet) following several large explosions. It said tremors emanating from the volcano have intensified since Sunday night and the eruption that began April 14 shows no signs of ending.

The last time this volcano erupted — in 1821 — the eruption lasted for over a year.

are counted.

Parliament speaker Norbert Lammert praised the memorial's prominent location and said it has established itself as a new landmark. "It has found its way into the city's life and into the political culture."

Architect Peter Eisenman said the monument's purpose was to recall the memory of the Holocaust in "the daily life of ordinary Germans." Commenting on the monument's success, the U.S. architect called for an extension of the monument and the documentation center. "I realize it's too small now," he said.

But Lea Rosh, who leads the memorial's fundraising group, rejected the idea of extending the monument or the museum, praising the docu-

mentation center instead for giving concise information.

"There is no comparable crime in world history, but there also is no nation commemorating its crimes in this way," Rosh said of the 19,000 square-meter monument across from the U.S. embassy.

Over the past five years the labyrinthine memorial has developed cracks and other damage to its gray slabs, the extent of which is still being assessed, Neumaerker said. "However, nothing is falling apart."

Concern about vandalism, however, proved largely unfounded, Neumaerker said. In five years the slabs have only been defaced with graffiti a few times, including with swastikas, but it has been quickly removed.



Source: Anheuser-Busch to be NFL beer sponsor

NEW YORK (AP)—Anheuser-Busch is in talks to become the official beer sponsor of the National Football League, a person close to the league said Tuesday. The talks came as rival MillerCoors announced it would not renew its sponsorship, saying it couldn't agree on a price.

The person—who is familiar with the negotiations but requested anonymity because the deal isn't complete—said an official announcement could come later Tuesday. The person declined to specify terms or which of the company's beers would be the official beer.

Messages left for Anheuser-Busch, part of Anheuser-Busch InBev, were not immediately returned.

MillerCoors' Coors Light sponsorship dates to 2002 and runs out after the season that begins this fall. The per-

son familiar with the negotiations said the new contract would be for the 2011-2012 season and an unspecified number of seasons after that.

MillerCoors CEO Leo Kiely said the company made an offer that expired at midnight Monday, but it wasn't accepted. The company told distributors in a memo it couldn't reach an agreement with the NFL over the value of the sponsorship.

"NFL is great property. We're not running away from the NFL. We have tremendous advertising commitments there. We'll continue to," he told investors on a conference call to discuss the company's first-quarter results.

MillerCoors still plans to maintain deals with individual teams but now it has a "significant amount" of money that it can spend elsewhere, he said.

Orlando's new arena lands 2012 NBA All-Star Game

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—The NBA All-Star game will be played in Orlando in 2012 at the Magic's new arena.

NBA commissioner David Stern made the announcement Tuesday at the Amway Center, which opens next season. This is the second time Orlando will host the game.

Orlando also held the All-Star game in 1992, when Magic Johnson returned to basketball to win the Most Valuable Player award after

his retirement and acknowledgment he was HIV positive.

The new arena and the team's return to prominence clearly worked in Orlando's favor. The Magic returned to the NBA finals last year, losing to the Los Angeles Lakers in five games, and had the league's second-best record behind Cleveland this season.

Orlando opens its Eastern Conference semifinal against Atlanta on Tuesday night.

Ochocinco: 'Pacman Jones will be a great addition'

In the wake of a report from Pro Football Talk that the Cincinnati Bengals are poised to sign veteran cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones following his workout today, wide receiver Chad Ochocinco has endorsed the pending transaction.

"Pacman Jones will be a great addition to our already solid ass defense not to mention his ability to return kicks," Ochocinco wrote on his Twitter account.

The wide receiver also wrote: "my good friend Pac Man Jones maybe a Bengal by the end of the day."

Jones found trouble with the Tennessee Titans and the Dallas Cowboys.

Since then, he hasn't been embroiled in any off-field issues.

Suns to wear 'Los Suns' jerseys for Game 2

PHOENIX (AP) -- The Phoenix Suns will wear "Los Suns" on their jerseys Wednesday for Game 2 of the Western Conference semifinals, owner Robert Sarver said, "to honor our Latino community and the diversity of our league, the state of Arizona, and our nation."

Leandro Barbosa wears the Los Suns uniform against the Knicks earlier this season. In a statement, Sarver said the frustration with the federal government's failure to deal with the illegal immigration issue led to the passage of what he called "a flawed state law."

The decision to wear the jerseys on the Cinco de Mayo holiday stems from a law passed by the Arizona Legislature and signed by Gov. Jan Brewer that has drawn widespread criticism from Latino organizations and civil rights groups that say it could lead to racial profiling of Hispanics. President Barack Obama has called the law "misguided."

He said that the law calls into question "our basic principles of equal rights and protection under the law" and will cause Arizona's economy to suffer setbacks at a time when the state already is in economic distress.

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ATLANTA VS. ORLANDO

On the road to 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa

Van Nistelrooy not out of World Cup picture: coach

THE HAGUE - Dutch coach Bert Van Marwijk insisted Tuesday that veteran striker Ruud Van Nistelrooy could still make the World Cup finals despite being omitted from an initial training squad.

"As for Ruud, I'm giving myself until May 11 to decide," Van Marwijk told the De Telegraaf daily newspaper.

"I'm leaving him until that date to convince me that he is sufficiently in shape to take part in the World Cup."

Van Marwijk on Monday named a 26-strong squad for a first training camp at Honderlo from May 10-14 ahead of the June 11-July 11 World Cup in South Africa. A second camp with those players still involved with their clubs will be held in Austria between May 19-31.

"My assistants and I have seen a lot of Ruud playing recently. We don't think it

would be useful to call him up at the first step but that does not mean that he's out of the picture," the coach said.

The 33-year-old Van Nistelrooy, who joined Hamburg midway through the season from Real Madrid, had recently indicated that he would like to end his self-imposed exile from the national squad.

The former Manchester United striker has scored 33 goals in his 64 international appearances for the Netherlands.

The Dutch - who have yet to win the World Cup despite reaching two finals in 1974 and 1978 - have been drawn with Denmark, Japan and Cameroon for the World Cup.

Van Marwijk will name a 30-man squad on May 11 which will be trimmed to 23 on June 1. There are also friendlies slated against Mexico (May 26), Ghana (June 1) and Hungary (June 5).

FIFA critical of Brazil's World Cup progress

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—FIFA general secretary Jerome Valcke was critical of Brazil's World Cup preparations Monday, saying he has received a report on the 2014 hosts' stadium construction and it is "not very nice."

FIFA has selected 12 Brazilian cities to host games and Valcke says Brazil already has fallen behind deadlines.

"I got a report on the status quo of the Brazilian stadiums. I have to say it is not very nice," Valcke said. "There are a number with red lights already, which is amazing. It is amazing how Brazil is already late. And I am not just talking about Morumbi or Maracana stadiums, I am talking about a number of stadiums. The stadiums are the basic points we need to have a World Cup and in Brazil, for the time being, most of the deadlines are already over and we have to work on new deadlines."

Valcke said he received the report Monday morning, just hours before a ceremony at Johannesburg's Soccer City stadium—the venue for the 2010 final—

to celebrate its construction. He thanked workers for their role.

Even before this year's World Cup, FIFA is beginning to concentrate on Brazil, which will be hosting the tournament for the first time since 1950.

"For the time being, we have 12 host cities and we are not in a period where we have to make decisions," Valcke said. "What we are saying is that all the things they have promised, they have been saying and they have signed, the commitment from different people—they have to deliver these commitments."

Valcke also warned that if the stadium in Brasilia was reduced to 30,000 seats, as reports suggest, it will not be allowed to host the tournament opener.

"Brazil is showing it is very difficult to organize a World Cup in Brazil, as it was difficult in South Africa," he said.

In a statement, the local organizing committee in Brazil said it will evaluate all stadiums and construction schedules starting Thursday. The visits will last until May 20.

Shakira's World Cup anthem doesn't impress some



JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Pop star Shakira's official World Cup anthem "Waka Waka" has received an unofficial "No, no" from South Africans.

The song, which is a collaboration with South African band Freshlyground, was released to radio stations last week but has not hit the right note with football fans in the host country.

"It's horrible," local fan Lindi Munonde said. "I'm not standing for it. I mean what is our president doing about it?"

"Waka Waka—Time for Africa" takes its inspiration from Cameroonian music, but South Africans aren't convinced. Colombian singer Shakira is the right person to represent Africa's first World Cup.

"Really, I mean, how is Shakira going to sing the African part of it?" said Nomaswazi Thomo, another local fan from Johannesburg.

The 33-year-old Shakira is one of a string of international artists also performing at FIFA's June 10 Kickoff concert to mark the start of the tournament.

The Kickoff lineup, which includes American artists Alicia Keys and Black Eyed Peas, was criticized in South Africa, where locals felt their own musicians had been sidelined. World Cup organizers have now agreed to add more local artists.

"I love it that South Africans are just coming together as South Africans and saying, 'We've got our own people and it's an African World Cup. It's ours,'" 702 Talk Radio presenter Jenny Cryswilliams said. "We are going to put on a fantastic World Cup. Why don't we have South Africans doing it for us?"

Spain players will be awarded with 550.000 Euros if Spain win World Cup 2010

Each of 23 Spanish team players will receive an award of 550,000 Euros, if Spain win world title at World Cup 2010 in South Africa.

This award is more than double those received when Spain won European champion title, and the largest ever mentioned among all national teams.

If England win 2010 World Cup players will be awarded with 450,000 Euros, and if Brazilians won they will be awarded with 300,000

Euros, according to El Mundo.

Players of Real Madrid could this season collect most money. Namely, Royal club players are able to collect 1,5 million Euros of the awards only.

For Spanish Championship title and Championship League title they have already received 950.000 Euros each, and if they are lucky to win World Cup title, they will be awarded with additional half a million of Euros.

Francesco Totti maybe will play at 2010 World Cup!



One of the biggest stars of Italian soccer, Roma captain Francesco Totti, maybe will play for Italy at FIFA World Cup.

Such a possibility has announced Marcello Lippi, coach of Italian national team, at a press conference in Rome. On the direct question whether he will call Totti to the team, Lippi said:

"Will Totti be back in the team you will find out on May 11, when I have to send a list with 30 names to FIFA. I do not intend to visit Totti while I'm in Rome, but today

there are phones and cell phones", Lippi said with a smile.

36-year-old Totti was the last time played for national team in 2006, when he led Italy to World title at the World Cup in Germany. After that, he refused any thought of a return to the team, but apparently he changed his mind.

"If Lippi wish me in the team, we will discuss about this", said Totti who played 58 matches for national team and scored nine goals.

Kuranyi not going to World Cup!

FRANKFURT (AP)—Germany coach Joachim Loew has decided against taking Schalke forward Kevin Kuranyi to the World Cup.

The German federation said Monday that Kuranyi will not be in the provisional World Cup roster announced Thursday.

Kuranyi was kicked off the national team in October 2008 for disciplinary reasons. He has scored 18 goals for Schalke this season.

"It would have been no problem for us to give him another chance. But we came

to the conclusion that we have other tactical and personnel ideas for choosing the World Cup squad," Loew said.

Kuranyi left the stadium at halftime of Germany's World Cup qualifier when he was not picked for the game-day roster and sent friends to collect his bags from the team hotel. He later apologized and often expressed hope that he would be allowed to return.

"My dream to play at the World Cup has been dashed for the second time. Clearly, this decision makes me very sad," Kuranyi said.

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Woods trying to hit his stride



PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP)—The 18th hole on the TPC Sawgrass is not nearly as daunting without wind, which was the case on a muggy Tuesday morning when Tiger Woods set up over the tee shot with a 3-wood in hand.

The ball never had a chance to stay dry.

It started down the left side with a severe hook and splashed down some 20 yards to the left of the water's edge. With a mild curse under his breath, Woods asked his caddy for another ball.

It was his fifth ball in the water during nine holes of practice at The Players Championship.

He lost two in the water on the front nine the day before.

There have been flashes of

brilliance, as always, but far more shots that hardly resemble golf from the world's best player.

"It's just a matter of ... getting my mind where it needs to be," Woods said. "And certainly, I've made a lot of adjustments in my life, and I've gone through a lot—a lot. Just trying to make sure I get everything organized so I can play."

Woods is capable of making some form of history at just about any golf tournament, and The Players Championship is no exception. Only now, the question is whether Woods will miss the cut in consecutive tournaments for the first time in his career.

He didn't just miss the cut last week at Quail Hollow, he missed it by a mile. With a 79 in the second round—his second-highest score in his career—Woods posted his highest 36-hole total (153) in 14 years on the PGA Tour.

Two days of practice this week did little to change the notion that his game—not to mention his head—is not in a good spot.

After three days of rampant speculation that he would ditch his swing coach, Woods said that nothing has changed with Hank Haney, who was not at Sawgrass.

Messi scores twice to lead Barcelona

MADRID (AP)—Lionel Messi scored twice to increase his season total to 40 goals, and Barcelona moved a step closer to repeating as Spanish league champion by beating visiting Tenerife 4-1 Tuesday night.

Messi scored in the 17th minute off a ball headed by Zlatan Ibrahimovic, then put a shot off a post three minutes later. Messi got his second goal in second-half injury time.

Messi, the reigning FIFA player of the year, leads La Liga with 31 goals and has eight Champions League goals and one in the Copa del Rey.

Barcelona (29-1-6) has 93 points with three games left and has a four-point lead over second-place Real Madrid (29-4-2), which plays at Mallorca on Wednesday.

Serena back with a win, Safina slumps in Rome

ROME (AP)—World number one Serena Williams announced her return from injury by overpowering Swiss Tímea Bacsinszky 7-6 6-1 at the Italian Open on Tuesday in her first match since winning the Australian Open in January.

The American, who suffered a knee injury after beating Justine Henin to lift the Australian title in Melbourne after a three-set battle, looked listless in the early stages of her second-round match and struggled on serve.

Bacsinszky capitalised, mixing things up nicely with her drop shots espe-

cially effective against a leg-weary Serena and unleashing eye-catching winners from both sides to break twice and race 4-1 ahead on the red clay surface.

Williams clawed her way back, despite a few erratic moments, saving three set points on her opponent's serve before dominating the tiebreak and the second set to book a meeting with Germany's Andrea Petkovic.

"I got off to a bit of a slow start but it was good I was able to fight it off," the 12-times singles grand slam winner told a news conference at the warm-up for the French Open.

"I don't think anything went wrong. I thought she played excellently. She was really playing well so I just had to pick up the level of my game."

"I hope by the time I get to Roland Garros, I'll be playing really well. It (Tuesday's match) is definitely a start."

SAFINA OUSTED

Russian holder Dinara Safina, also plagued by injury problems, slumped to a 6-4 6-7 6-1 defeat by world number 43 Alexandra Dulgheru of Romania.

Third-seeded Safina, who has missed most of the season with a back injury, made a sluggish start on clay made heavy by rain and trailed 4-0.

She levelled at 4-4 but surrendered the initiative immediately, skewing an easy volley wide to lose serve on the way to conceding the first set.

She eventually claimed a topsy-turvy second set on a tiebreak before crumbling in the decider.

"I'd been two months completely without touching the racquet and simply not doing any practice or preparation," Safina said. "I practised just a little bit and obviously this was very disappointing."

"The only good thing about this match was that my back didn't create any problems."

Fourth seed Venus Williams, also back from injury, reached the third round with a 6-2 6-2 win over Swiss Patty Schnyder.

Denmark's world number two Caroline Wozniacki dropped just one game in her win over Italian wild card Maria Elena Camerin.

Twice champion Jelena Jankovic of Serbia, seeded seven, overcame American Bethanie Mattek-Sands 6-3 3-6 6-1.

Her compatriot Ana Ivanovic, who has slipped to 58th in the rankings after being top two years ago, showed she might be on her way back to form by beating ninth seed Victoria Azarenka 6-4 6-4 to set up a clash with world number six Elena Dementieva.